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1. WITH OVER 85 PERCENT OF THE VOTE COUNTED, THE ELECTION RESULTS AS REPORTED FOLLOW. THE SEAT PROJECTIONS ARE SUBJECT TO MINOR CHANGE AS THE LAST VOTES COME IN, BUT WE ARE CONFIDENT THEY ACCURATELY REFLECT THE OVERALL SHAPE OF THE NEW PARLIAMENT.

A. IN THE CONGRESS, TOTALING 350 SEATS:

-- UCD (SUAREZ-LED CENTER) 168 SEATS

-- PSOE (SOCIALIST WORKERS)-----116 SEATS

-- PCE/PSUC (COMMUNISTS, INCLUDING CATALAN BRANCH);----- 19 SEATS

-- PA (FRAGA- LED CONSERVATIVES)----- 17 SEATS

-- PDC (CENTER- LEFT CATALAN REGIONALISTS)----- 10 SEATS

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-- PNV (BASQUE NATIONALISTS)----- 8 SEATS

-- US/ PSP (TIERNO-LED SOCIALISTS) ---- 6 SEATS

-- UC/DCC (CATALAN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS) 2 SEATS

-- EUZKADIKO EZKERRA (BASQUE LEFTISTS)- 1 SEAT

-- ESQUERRA DE CATALUMYA (CATALAN
LEFTIST----- 1 SEAT

-- INDEPENDENTS----- 2 SEATS

B. IN THE SENATE, OF 207 ELECTED SEATS

-- UCD-----106 SEATS

-- PSOE----- 60 SEATS

-- PCD----- 8 SEATS

-- AP ----- 3 SEATS

-- UNDECIDED----- 30 SEATS

2. WHILE THE UCD PLURALITY IN THE LOWER HOUSE WILL BE
LARGE, THE POPULAR VOTE RACE IS MUCH CLOSER:

UCD - 4,989,102 VOTES - 31.1 PERCENT OF VOTES - 48 PERCENT
OF SEATS

PSOE - 4,580,406 VOTES - 28.6 PERCENT OF VOTES -33.1 PERCENT
OF SEATS

PCE/- 1,509,767 VOTES - 9.4 PERCENT OF VOTES - 5.4 PERCENT
PSOC OF SEATS

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AP - 1,362,712 VOTES - 8.5 PERCENT OF VOTES - 4.8 PERCENT
OF SEATS

US/ - 588,435 VOTES -3.6 PERCENT OF VOTES - 1.7 PERCENT
PSP OF SEATS

3. THE DISTORTION IN FAVOR OF MAJOR PARTIES, A DELIBERATE
FEATURE OF THE D'HONDT SYSTEM, IS EVIDENT FROM THE FIGURES
ACCENTUATING THIS DISTORTION AND PARTICULAR TO SPAIN AND THIS
ELECTION, ARE:

- THE LARGE NUMBER OF PROVINCES WITH 3-7 SEATS EACH,

- THE LARGE SIZE OF THE TWO LEADING PARTIES RELATIVE
TO ALL THE OTHERS.

4. THE ELECTION RESULTS APPEAR TO SHOW THAT THE REGIONAL
ISSUE IS NOT ELECTORALLY IMPORTANT EXCEPT IN CATALUNYA

AND THE BASQUE COUNTRY. THERE, LOCAL PARTIES ADVOCATING
SOME MEASURE OF AUTONOMY DID QUITE WELL, AS DID THE
PSOE, WHICH ALSO ADVOCATES A MEASURE OF REGIONAL AUTONOMY
AND IN BARCELONA BENEFITTED CONSIDERABLY FROM ALLIANCE WITH A REGIONA
L
SOCIALIST GROUP. ELSEWHERE, THE NATIONAL TREND FOR THE
MAJOR PARTIES OVERWHELMED THE REGIONALIST SPINTERS.
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